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A PARIS FESTIVAL

Though most of us think of reindeer only as the means of bringing Santa Claus from his northern nest each year, it is probable our grandchildren will look to the reindeer herds of the northland for a large proportion of their meat supply. The animals are most prolific. Twenty-eight years ago 1280 head were imported into Alaska. The herd now number 200,000. At the rate of increase, the available supply should be sufficient for many generations.

But though the vision of reindeer is a choice food, the government hunters are not satisfied with it. An expedition will be sent up to the Mount McKinley region, where wild caribou, of which the bulls weigh up to 400 pounds are running. Some of these fine fellows will be killed, dressed with the reindeer, and in a few years the porker and the bovine will have a real rival for the place of honor at the American table.

RADICALISM REJECTED

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which met in Washington last week, took action which will commend itself to the citizens of the United States who believe that radicalism has no place in this country and that it should not be encouraged in other nations.

Some of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have expressed sympathy for the soviet government of Russia, on the plea that it represented the principles of labor. The federation adopted a resolution repudiating the soviet of Russia and declaring that they have turned against the work of that country. The federation has carried its condemnation of radicalism still further, voting to sever its relations with the International Federation of Trade Unions, alleging that the international body

is devoted to radicalism of a revolutionary character.

The action of the American Federation of Labor is encouraging to the belief that organized labor intends to clear itself of the influence of any leadership whose patriotism is not above question. While the federation will continue to agitate for government in the interests of labor, no countenance will be given to "revolutionary activities." The federation should carry its pronouncements still further, and it should insist that the various organizations affiliated with the national body depose any leaders who have evaded their opposition to organized government, as some of them have done. It is not enough that general condemnation of radicalism should be voiced; but syndicalists and other anti-government agitators should be eliminated from control of organized labor in the United States.

FREEDOM FOR EGYPT

Poor old Egypt seems to have been badly misgoverned from the days of the Pharaohs to this. When the Red Sea wasn't drowning a royal army on the heels of the fleeing Israelites, the immutable Sphinx was making men mad by the lingering question in its countenance. Nor have modern days seen much improvement. The "iron spine" which Cecil Rhodes envisioned from the Cape to Cairo has not been realized under British domination of the dark continent. Neither have the benefits arrived which were to have accompanied the great transcontinental railroad of which Rhodes dreamed.

The British in Egypt have been far from successful. Now, with immediate war dangers well passed, a new light of hope seems to have appeared. Friends of liberty everywhere will hope that this is not merely a mirage on the Sahara of Egyptian history. Lord Milner has just made his long expected report

on Egypt. To attempt to govern the country in spite of a hostile people, it says, is a difficult and disagreeable task and it urges, not the establishment of a protectorate, but the recognition of complete independence. Great Britain, of course, will guard Palestine. But guarantees to this effect are to be embodied in a binding treaty with the British government instead of in the constitution of the country. Lord Milner's plan seems about to be accepted. It is to be hoped that it will mean a real, not a farcical freedom for the land of the fellaheen.

A NEW MEAT SUPPLY

In the midst of sober Lenten days there is usually celebrated a holiday on which good Christians may lay off for a space the sackcloth and ashes of the spirit and remember that the world, though wicked, is still young and gay. The festival of St. Careme is now being celebrated with such grace and gusto as in the Latin quarter of Paris. The farcical governors of the "Free Commune of Montmartre" have decided in solemn council this year that the third Thursday in Lent, on which the holiday falls, shall be moved to the next Sunday. The Sunday advocates would certainly find Montmartre shocking on Sunday, March 13, this year.

The Latin quarter, traditional haunt of the artists, the musicians and the Tribuna of Paris, will elect a Muse for the coming year. For her selection a proclamation of Jules Depaquit, dictator, orders that the Montmartroises, who, as every one knows, are all young and beautiful, will present themselves before a jury at the Hall of Former Fighters. The Muse then heads a procession in which all the cosmopolitan youth of that center of the world's artistic life will participate. The Latin quarter would seem to be regaining its verve, or as Americans more usually put it, its pep. This little section of the complex life of France gave its share, and more than its share, in the war. It is good to see its pleasant peace-time follies returning.

The next scheduled event is March 15, the last day for filing income tax returns.

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